**Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences** FMEL

**Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory** 200 9th St. S.E. (Oslo Rd.)

 Vero Beach, FL 32962

**2024 Dates: March 11-22**

**Application to attend the FMEL Advanced Mosquito Identification and Certification Course**

Instructions: Fill out the required information,provide your justification to attend this course, and print your name. Save the Word document with your last name in the file name. Applicants (not their supervisor) should email the completed Word document (no PDFs please) to nburkettcadena@ufl.edu. Applications are only accepted October 1 – 31 each year.  Applications submitted outside of this period will not be accepted. No advanced registration is permitted. No waiting lists are available. Acceptance will be communicated to applicants in November each year. Incomplete forms may not be considered.

The Advanced Mosquito Identification and Certification Course is a two-week intensive training on the species-level identification of the mosquitoes of North America. The course is held in March each year at the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory (UF/IFAS) in Vero Beach, FL. Week 1 focuses on identification of adult female mosquitoes. Week 2 focuses on identification of mosquito larvae. Each week culminates in written and practical exams. Students should have prior basic knowledge of mosquito morphology and be familiar with microscopes as well as insect identification keys. This is not an introductory course.

Instructors: Dr. Nathan Burkett-Cadena, Dr. Derrick Mathias.

Cost: $600. Includes all instructional sessions, books, materials, breaks (snacks). Lodging is not included.

**Required information:**

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| Name of Applicant |  |
| Agency or employer of applicant |  |
| Years in current position |  |
| Applicant’s email |  |
| Applicant’s phone number |  |
| Name of past or present supervisor or mentor  |  |
| Email address of (above) supervisor or mentor  |  |
| Name of applicant, as you would like to appear on certificate(s) |  |
| Optional: Agency, as you would like to appear on certificate(s) |  |

In the box below, please provide your justification to attend the FMEL Advanced Mosquito identification and Certification Course (previous training, experience, education, or any other pertinent information).

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I, (print your name here), understand that by submitting this application I am committing to attending the FMEL Advanced Mosquito identification and Certification Course and committing to pay the course registration fee of $600 USD, by January 31. Failure to pay the registration fee by the deadline may result in forfeiture of acceptance.